

PATENT  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

ALAIN Y. LEVEQUE ET. AL.

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APPLICATION NO.:

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EXAMINER: CHARLES E. COOLEY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**Introductory Comments**

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Sir: